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WHOLE OF RUSSIA IS IN STATE OF SIEGE

Czar Dissatisfied With Advisors, and May Take the Reins of Government.

STRIKE AT MOSCOW

One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Men on Strike.

PINCH OF HUNGER ALREADY BEING FELT--TROOPS AND REVOLUTIONISTS CLASH AND MANY ARE SLAUGHTERED--INVADEERS WILL TRY TO SEIZE ST. PETERSBURG-WARS AW RAILROAD.

By Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 23.—A Herald cablegram from St. Petersburg says: At a meeting of the cabinet the Czar expressed himself in heated terms as to the want of the ministers to meet the situation, giving them three hours to come to some decision. Failing in this the emperor said he would take the reins into his own hands immediately and call a meeting of his military council to consider the advisability of declaring the whole of Russia in a state of siege. The ministers left in a very crestfallen state of mind.

PINCH OF HUNGER IS FELT IN CITY OF MOSCOW

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Telephone messages from Moscow say one hundred and fifty thousand men are on strike there. The city is already feeling the pinch of hunger as many bakeries have been closed and all business has been suspended, including the banking business.

There have been some attacks upon the strikers, especially on the student leaders, by the police and two girls were stripped naked and turned loose in the cold in the vicinity of the Jewish market. Considerable fighting has occurred on the streets in Moscow as a result of attempts of troops and police to break up processions. The revolutionists resisted at several places and erected barricades which the dragons and infantry carried by storm.

There were scenes of slaughter at several places. Eleven men were killed and fifty wounded at Tyvorskaya street. The casualties at Moscow yesterday are estimated at one hundred and fifty.

INVADEERS WILL TRY TO SEIZE RAILROAD.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Several thousand Lithuanians have invaded the province of Vitebsk, according to the Novoye Vremya, with the intention of seizing the St. Petersburg-Warsaw railroad and annexing the districts of Rzeshtas and Lutzin to the "Republic of Lithuania."

STATE OF SIEGE IN POLISH PROVINCES.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Fears that the revolt in Lithuania will extend to Poland have become so acute that Governor-General Skalon, at Warsaw, acting under authority of the imperial ukase of November 24, has declared that a state of siege exists in the ten Polish provinces.

BOURSE CONFIDENT OF FAILURE OF STRIKE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Confidence in the failure of the strike was reflected on the bourse today, which for the first time in weeks was actually buoyant, with all the issues rising sharply.

FRENCH DEMANDS ON VENEZUELA

MAY POSTPONE SETTLEMENT OF THE QUESTIONS NOW IN DISPUTE.

By Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 23.—Officials here say that President Castro's failure to resume diplomatic relations with M. Taizn, the French charge d'affaires at Caracas, may complicate matters and postpone the settlement of the questions in dispute. France has asked for the withdrawal of Venezuela's offensive note declining to deal with M. Taizn.

FRIGHTFUL BUTCHERY BY RUSSIAN RIOTERS

Description of Horrors Contained in Letter Just Received by Dr. Mandell, of New Haven, Conn.

By Associated Press.
New Haven, Conn., Dec. 23.—A description of the mob terrors in Russia is contained in a letter just received by Dr. Max S. Mandell, of this city, from a friend in Ekaterinoslav, dated November 19. The letter says in part: "We were saved by the kindness of a Christian friend who gave us a place to hide while he kept watch. Three days before, early in the morning, the cry 'Kill the Jews' spread like wildfire all over the town and especially in the district where we live and ere we had a chance to think what to do the mob began to batter

the adjoining houses and kill the inmates in the most brutal way, regardless of sex or age. "My clerk told me he saw a mob overtake a helpless Jewish woman in the street, carrying a child in her arms. The beasts snatched the infant from its mother and, after dismembering it, held out every part to her face, and then forced the hysterical mother into shame which killed her. "The frightful butchery would have lasted longer but for the heroic and armed interference on the part of social revolutionists and a number of students."

Over Ten Thousand Bills Introduced in Congress

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 23.—Representative Brownlow, of Tennessee, holds the record so far for introducing bills at the present session of congress. In

thirteen days he introduced 347 bills. The total number of bills introduced in the House in thirteen days was ten thousand and sixty one against 19,268 for all sessions of the last congress.

COOL WEATHER IS NOW BEING FELT

Temperatures Took a Decided Fall Yesterday, Being at 46 Degrees at 7 O'clock p. m.

Temperatures which will border upon the freezing point within twenty-four hours may be expected in Pensacola. While this is not the prediction of the weather bureau the rapidly falling temperature at 2 o'clock indicates that such will be the case.

A decided change was noticeable yesterday forenoon and as the day passed the temperature continued to fall, and this morning a change of many points was noticeable. According to the local weather bureau the temperature yesterday morning at 5 o'clock was 67 degrees, but at 7 o'clock last night is registered 46 degrees.

Weather Observer Reed states that it had fallen steadily throughout the day, with brisk northerly winds, and a slow rain.

The weather has been most inclement for the past week, with the exception of two or three days, and while it is not expected that the rain will continue, much colder weather may be expected, and it may reach the freezing point to-night.

PRESENT TO JOURNAL FORCE

ATTORNEY E. T. DAVIS SENDS MEN OF JOURNAL TEN DOLLARS AS CHRISTMAS GIFT.

One of the appreciated gifts received by the force of employees of The Journal, reached them last night. It came from E. T. Davis, and was in the form of ten dollars, which was distributed equally among the men, and was greatly appreciated by them. Accompanying the gift was the following letter:

"Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 23, 1905.
"Mr. Frank L. Mayes,
"Pensacola, Fla.

"Dear Mr. Mayes:—We hear again the sound of the fire cracker, and it comes as a messenger to tell us to lay aside the cares and turmoil of the different avocations of life and join in one common celebration of Good Will Towards all Men, and in proof of this recognition to contribute in the cause to the most worthy in order that he too can 'make merry.' I mean the man who work the 'lever,' that moves the world.

"You will find enclosed \$10.00 for your helpers as a Xmas present.
"I am, yours very truly,
"E. T. DAVIS."

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY OF PENSACOLA

Holiday Feeling Was Much in Evidence Yesterday and Last Night.

STORES CROWDED

With Christmas Shoppers Who Bought Generously.

ALL CLASSES PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE NATAL DAY OF THE REDEEMER MORE AUSPICIOUSLY THAN HERETOFORE--STREETS CROWDED DESPITE THE RAIN.

The approach of Christmas, the holiday season and the time of joy and revelry was in evidence on all sides in Pensacola yesterday and last night. While the day and night were most disagreeable, owing to the rain and cold, the streets and stores were crowded.

The crowds, composed of all classes, flocked to the stores to purchase gifts for friends and loved ones. The streets were a mass of moving humanity. Good nature and frivolity prevailed upon every hand, and the many bright and pleasant faces encountered in the business section of the city proved conclusively that everyone, even to the poorest of families, was anticipating a happy Christmas, and were preparing to make their friends happy by presentation of gifts.

The boom of the cannon crackers, the noise produced by horns and the firing of fireworks of different nature notified everyone yesterday morning that Christmas was near at hand. As the day grew along the noise continued, and last night the noise was almost deafening, while numerous rockets were sent skyward, producing a most beautiful scene.

The rain, mud and cold weather did not seem to deter in the least the good natured crowds that flocked upon the streets. In fact they paid but little attention to the inclement weather and every merchant reports that a most excellent business has been done.

While the number of persons upon the streets was exceedingly large, everyone was good natured, and the police records will show that very few arrests were made. In fact the number will not reach that of an ordinary Saturday night's business with the police.

EIGHT MEN KILLED BY AN IRON MINE CAVE IN

ONE THOUSAND TONS OF ORE SLIPPED ON THIRTEEN FOOT LEVEL OF NEWPORT MINE AT IRONWOOD, IN THE GOGEBIC RANGE DISTRICT.

By Associated Press.
Ironwood, Mich., Dec. 23.—Eight men were killed by a fall of one thousand tons of iron ore from a slip on the thirteen foot level of the Newport mine at Ironwood. Most of the dead are foreigners.

On account of the great danger from shifting ore and broken timbers, several days will probably elapse before all of the bodies are recovered. The accident is, with one exception the most extensive one ever occurred in the Gogebic iron range.

Several Midshipmen to Be Tried on Charge of Hazing

By Associated Press.
Annapolis, Dec. 23.—Official information was given out today that the Board of Investigation at the academy has secured sufficient evidence to justify a court martial for the trial of a number of midshipmen on the charge of hazing and that it will take place at the conclusion of the work of the board. The investigation will cover only the present schoiastic year.

The court martial of Midshipman Tremore Coffin, Jr., a member of the Third class, for hazing Midshipman Jerdone P. Kimbrough, of the Fourth class, will begin next week, probably on Thursday. There will be six members of the board, the ranking officer being commander.

BUBONIC PLAGUE AT HONOLULU

By Associated Press.
Honolulu, H. I., Dec. 23.—Reports of the existence of bubonic plague have led the Federal quarantine officers to announce new regulations under which all packages of freight or express leaving here for the coast will have to be fumigated. The order is to satisfy the San Francisco health authorities.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE

By Associated Press.
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23.—Hon. T. Wright, of Rockwood, Tenn., a prominent lawyer and politician, today announced himself a candidate for governor on the republican ticket.



UNCLE SAM—GOSH GINGER! SOME DAY I'VE GOT TO SHOW JUST WHERE THAT MONEY HAS GONE.

TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE IN THIESEN BUILDING

RAILROAD WORK SOUTH OF CHIPLEY

Fourteen Miles Ready for the Rails—Trains Will Be Running by May 1, 1906.

Special to The Journal.
Chipley, Fla., Dec. 23.—Another large deal in timber lands has just been closed by the sale of a large tract of land known as the Morrison tract consisting of 9,000 acres. The J. E. Bett Co., of Georgia, were the purchasers. Crow Bros., of this city acted as agents and brought the deal to a successful close. The Bett people recently bought the Moore tract consisting of 51,000 acres also in Washington County.

Work on the new railroad is being pushed on rapidly. Two more car loads of terracotta piping are here to be used for culverts. Work on the Flat Creek trestle has been commenced today.

Mr. A. J. Gay a prominent railroad man left yesterday to spend the holidays with his family on the bay. When seen by a Journal representative Mr. Gay said there was about 14 miles of road bed ready for the rails except one cut which would possibly take three weeks to finish up and just as soon as this was done the rails would be laid as the ties were already distributed along the right of way. When asked how long before trains would be running between Chipley and the bay, Mr. Gay said that May first would be a safe estimate.

Mr. R. W. Gay is spending Christmas with home folks on the bay.

Hon. Emmet Wilson is spending a few days with his father Dr. F. C. Wilson. Mr. Wilson will leave in a few days for points in Illinois where he will engage in the practice of law.

Al Hogeboom, The Journal's representative is spending a few days with his family. The scholars of the Chipley High School gave an entertainment at the auditorium Friday night which was a great credit alike to Prof. McRae, his excellent staff of teachers and the entire school.

L. C. Ridenor of Iowa, is among the few arrivals.

MORRIS CHAIR WAS PRESENTED

EMPLOYEES OF JOURNAL COMPANY MAKE PRESENT TO PRESIDENT FRANK L. MAYES.

A handsome Morris chair, one of the finest that could be secured in the city, was presented last night by the employees of The Journal Company to President and General Manager Frank L. Mayes.

The presentation occurred shortly after 7 o'clock, when all of the employees were present. The presentation speech was made by P. McLellan the oldest employee, in point of service, in the Journal office, and while it was brief, it fully expressed the sentiments of the big force of men who had delegated him to be their spokesman. Mr. Mayes was taken completely by surprise, but feelingly thanked the donors, for their kind expressions and acceptable present.

A few minutes later the donors were themselves surprised as the head of each department received a letter instructing him to notify each employee in his department that, when convenient, during the coming year each was entitled to a vacation of one week on full pay.

PEACE REIGNS IN COLUMBIA

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 23.—Minister Mendoza, of Columbia, today received a cablegram from President Reyes saying that all the country was tranquil, that he had confidence in peace and that exchange was going down in price. The minister said the fact exchange was going down was the best indication that there was no danger to the government from the revolutionary movement, as the monetary system is dependent entirely upon the stability of the government.

Started in the Second Story Warehouse of S. H. Kress and Company.

BURNED FIERCELY

But Was Practically Under Control at 3:30 a. m.

PRINCIPAL DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY KRESS & CO., ALTHOUGH STANDARD CLOTHING CO. WILL SUSTAIN LOSS OF FULLY \$2,000 BY SMOKE--LOSSES PARTIALLY COVERED BY INSURANCE.

The Thiesen building, the largest in the city, being five stories, was discovered to be on fire this morning at 1:15 o'clock, the fire originating in the portion of the building occupied by Kress & Co. The damage at the hour of going to press will aggregate about \$20,000, but the fire is still raging.

The fire originated on the second floor on the north side of the building, which is occupied by Kress & Co. as a warehouse, and had evidently been burning for some time, as smoke was issuing from all windows when noticed by the young ladies employed as night operators at the Southern Bell Telephone Company. The young ladies immediately notified the police station and an alarm was sent in to the truck houses. Afterwards a second alarm was sounded, calling all fire apparatus into service.

Hard Work of Firemen.

Immediately upon reaching the scene of the conflagration the men set to work with a will, realizing that they had a hard fight before them, the fire being on the inside of the building, and the smoke issuing therefrom almost suffocating persons who attempted to enter the building.

The men were directed by Chief Bieker, assisted by Chief Schind of the police department, and for an hour it was thought that the handsome structure would be reduced to ashes. The men worked valiantly, commencing on the second floor, and continuing up to the fourth floor. Every stream of water available was played into the burning stores and offices, and although for an hour the fire gained headway, it was seen that the firemen were equal to the occasion and were fighting steadily and intelligently to stop the progress of the fire.

Only once or twice did the fire break through the windows of the building, and this occurred on the second floor. Men of the department were inside and on that floor, however, and playing streams of water upon the flames, and the reflection from the windows soon disappeared.

Cause is Unknown.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The manager of Kress & Co. had no idea how the blaze originated. It started, from all appearances, in the northeast corner of the building where a mass of crockery and glassware was stored, and, of course, packed in excelsior. Possibly some person, who was purchasing Christmas gifts, may have dropped a cigarette, cigar or sparks from a pipe in this inflammable material, which, while not noticed at the time, later flamed up, causing the big fire.

Damage Will be Heavy.

The damage up to 3:30 o'clock this morning, and with the fire still burning, will be very heavy. The Kress & Co., who carried a stock of \$20,000, suffered a loss of about \$10,000. Most of this loss was on the second floor and was caused by smoke, breakage and water. The Standard Clothing Company, with a stock of \$17,000, and insured for half that amount, will lose probably \$2,000. On the upper floors only office existed, and the damage there will amount to only a few thousand dollars.

STARTLING DISCOVERY MADE EARLY THIS MORNING

A startling discovery was made this morning just as The Journal was going to press. It was to the effect that the door of the safe of Kress & Co's store had been blown completely from its hinges, evidently the work of safe blowers and it is more than probable that the fire originated from this source. The safe was located in the rear of the store and the door was found lying upon the floor. The discharging of cannon crackers evidently prevented any person from noticing the explosion. The operators at the telephone exchange however, heard the report and also saw the flash, but thought that it was made by some person who had discharged a cannon cracker.

The discovery of the shattered safe (Continued on Eighth Page.)